

City of Decatur
Board of Public Works & Safety Minutes
December 3, 2019

The City of Decatur Board of Public Works and Safety members met on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall in Council Chambers, 172 N. Second Street. Members present were Craig Coshow, Bill Karbach, and Mayor Ken Meyer. Also present were City Attorney, Tim Baker and Clerk-Treasurer, Phyllis Whitright.

The Clerk-Treasurer had emailed the minutes from the November 19, 2019 meeting. Karbach made a motion to approve the minutes. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Karbach made a motion to make the legal notice for bids for a new fire engine/rescue truck a matter of record. Coshow seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was the opening of bids for the fire engine/rescue truck. Prior to the opening of the bids, Fire Chief Les Marckel thanked the committee of firemen who had worked to put the specs together. Chief Marckel noted that the new vehicle would be used to replace the 1989 Ford pumper and the 1991 dry rescue vehicle. The committee was given the task of developing the specs not around a certain dollar amount, but rather what they felt was needed for the next several years. Fireman Mitch Baumann appeared before the Board with Chief Marckel. Only one (1) bid was received. The City Attorney opened and read the bid aloud. The bid was from Pierce Manufacturing who submitted a bid of \$774,900, which included the properly signed Form 96 and the 5% bid bond. Coshow made a motion that Chief Marckel and the Specs Committee take the bid under advisement and report at the December 17, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager appeared before the Board with sealed quotes for the concession/restroom building, the pavilion, and the electrical and plumbing for Hanna Nuttman Park. The first quotes were for the concession building and Gilbert had sought three (3) quotes, but only two (2) had responded. Arnold Lumber of Decatur quoted \$29,250 per 32x54 building and Schockman Lumber from St. Henry, Ohio quoted \$33,975 per building.

Councilmen Cam Collier, Matt Dyer, Tyler Fullenkamp, and Wylie Sirk joined the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting for information and input purposes only.

Gilbert noted the same three (3) individuals had been included as he sought quotes for the 30x40x9 pavilion (exterior only) for Hanna Nuttman Park. Quotes were received at \$9,300 from Arnold Lumber of Decatur and \$10,550 from Schockman Lumber from St. Henry, Ohio.

The quotes for the electrical work for the two concession stands for Hanna Nuttman Park were opened next. Bleeke Electric of Decatur offered a quote of \$24,995 each building with an additional \$2,345 for three (3) exhaust fans. Rorick Electric of Decatur presented a quote of \$60,000 for the two (2) concession buildings. No response was received from Kiess Electric of Decatur.

The quotes for the plumbing work for the restrooms and concessions for Hanna Nuttman Park were next considered. Baker and Sons Plumbing of Decatur quoted \$15,600 per building for a total of \$31,200. Andrews Plumbing of Decatur quoted a total of \$46,120.30 for the two (2) buildings. No response from Walters Plumbing of Decatur.

Karbach made a motion to allow Gilbert permission to review the quotes with the Hanna Nuttman committee tomorrow morning and proceed with the lower quotes for each area subject to funds being available. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Jeremy Gilbert, Operations Manager then brought forth quotes regarding needed sewer work in the alley behind Yvonne Marie's Antique Mall between Jefferson Street and Court Street. Gilbert had talked with contractors for several months due to the complexity of the work. The City Attorney opened the sealed quotes and read the quotes aloud. The quotes received were at \$72,342 from Bunn of Fort Wayne, and \$61,830 from Fleming Excavating of Decatur. No quote was received from Bercot of Fort Wayne. Coshow made a motion for Gilbert to take the quotes for the sewer repair under advisement. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Operations Manager, Jeremy Gilbert then presented quotes for sewer work in the alley north of Jefferson Street between 5th Street and 6th Street. Bunn of Fort Wayne presented a quote of \$73,540 while Fleming Excavating, Inc., of Decatur submitted a quote of \$37,349. Coshow made a motion for Gilbert to take the quotes under advisement. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Coshow made a motion to approve Chief Corral's recommendation to remove Officer Dan McGill from his probationary status to a 1st Class Patrolman effective December 10, 2019. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Karey Fuelling, Wastewater Superintendent appeared before the Board seeking permission to use the State bid price to purchase a 2020 Silverado Crew Cab 1500 truck for the Wastewater Department at the cost of \$26,367. Karbach made a motion to allow Fuelling to proceed with the purchase. Seconded by Coshow, the motion was adopted.

Mark Sullivan of Midwestern Engineering appeared with Wastewater Supt., Karey Fuelling to review the chloride issue at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Sullivan reported that at the current rate the City could be in violation of IDEM regulations 48% of the time. However, Fuelling had asked Sullivan to be in contact with IDEM and keep them in the loop regarding the efforts being made with the new water plant. It was noted the City is being proactive and the new water plant could be up in late April, early May and then the Winchester plant will be updated. It is hoped that in the future the new water plant would operate ½ day with reliance on the Monroe Street plant for peak times to help get rid of the salt. Also discussed was the salt use by industrial/commercial facilities.

City Attorney, Tim Baker reported that there are streets around Hanna Nuttman Park that have never been platted. A street called "Beal Drive" was listed, but never platted properly. The street located between Washington and Meibers behind McKean's Auto sales needed to be named. City Attorney Baker informed the Board members that he has been working with Brett Miller of Miller Land Surveying on getting easements for these areas. A street in Cottonwood Estates, known as Krick Street, cannot be found officially and the ProFed Credit Union wants the street as they plan to purchase that area of Cottonwood Estates for a new building. Mayor Meyer made a motion to name the street behind McKean's Auto Sales as North Fourteenth Street. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Karbach made a motion to approve for the Mayor to sign the contractor's progress estimate, and the change order, a decrease of \$15,629.80 for the resurfacing projects of 18 streets repaved by Brooks Construction for the Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG), and approve payment to Brooks Construction in the amount of \$635,154.20. Seconded by Coshow, the

motion was adopted. Another application for a Community Crossings Matching Grant will be submitted again in 2020.

Kevin Hackman, Utilities Auditor, and Mark Sullivan of Midwestern Engineering, appeared before the Board to give an update regarding Phase 1 of the new water plant. Sullivan shared that the project is moving along with 50% of the dollars being used at this point. Sullivan praised the contractors, Kokosing regarding their work. The asphalt is done and Kokosing is making the facility ready for indoor work. Sullivan shared photos of the progress of the new water plant and is estimating an April/May startup date. In looking ahead, the Phase 2 portion of the work will be the renovation of the Winchester Street water plant. The other part of Phase 2 will include the raw main work from Berne to Monroe. They are currently planning to do that work by using a parallel main to the current main.

Kevin Hackman, Utility Auditor reported that Phase 2 of the water rate increase will begin January 1, 2020. The minimum and average household bill increase would be less than 10% with the minimum bill increasing \$6.56.

Chief of Police, Lennie Corral appeared before the board to recommend Dennis Bosler as the newest Police Department Officer. Chief Corral had nine (9) applications with four (4) passing the physical and agility tests. Chief Corral shared that Mr. Bosler had a lot of credentials and had been working at the Allen County Jail. Coshow made a motion for Chief Corral to proceed with the hiring of Dennis Bosler pending his passing the PERF physical. Seconded by Karbach, the motion was adopted. Chief Corral informed the Board members that a current Decatur Officer has applied for a police position in Fort Wayne.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Coshow made a motion to adjourn. Seconded Karbach, the motion was adopted.

Adjournment was at 7:20 P.M.